



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:  
Mui, et al.

**Serial No.: 10/690,318**

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**For: Method For Controlling  
Accuracy And Repeatability  
Of An Etch Process**

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Group Art Unit: 1763

**Examiner:** Unknown

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**Dear Sir:**

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/8327/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this amendment timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12. **Remarks** begin on page 13.